



Georgia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday
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2020

DAILY REPORT

31st
Legislative
Day

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 32nd Legislative Day on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Motions to Agree

HR 1023 Judiciary; people may petition for declaratory relief from certain acts of this state or certain local governments or officers or employees; provide - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1023 proposes an amendment to the Georgia Constitution to waive sovereign immunity for actions in the superior court seeking declaratory relief from acts of the state, or any county, consolidated government, or municipality of this state, outside the scope of lawful authority or in violation of the laws of the Georgia Constitution or the Constitution of the United States. The waiver applies to past, current, and prospective acts that occur on or after January 1, 2021.

Actions against the state shall be brought exclusively against the state and in the name of the State of Georgia. Actions against any county, consolidated government, or municipality shall be brought exclusively against the named entity.

The power of the court to dismiss or deny relief and other powers of the court to hear a case are not affected. The General Assembly may limit the power or duty of a court to dismiss any action or deny relief.

No damages, attorney's fees, or costs of litigation shall be awarded in an action authorized by this amendment.

Authored By: Rep. Andrew Welch (110th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

Rules Calendar

SB 43 Revenue Bonds; definition of the term "undertaking" as it relates to electric systems; revise

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 43 revises the definition of "undertaking" relating to revenue bonds by adding electric transmission to the list of undertakings available for the issuance of revenue bonds. Any revenue certificates issued by a government body with electric utility assets that have a net book value of less than \$300 million shall be authorized by a majority vote in the political subdivision affected.

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications **Committee Action:** 01-28-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: 91 Nays: 75 **Amendments:**

Local Calendar

HB 1115 Clarksville, City of; provide new charter

Bill Summary: House Bill 1115 provides a new charter for the city of Clarksville.

Authored By:	Rep. Terry Rogers (10th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	06-15-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1117 Stewart County; Board of Education; provide for compensation and expenses of members

Bill Summary: House Bill 1117 provides for the compensation and expenses of the Stewart County Board of Education members. Board members, excluding the chairperson, shall receive \$300 per month. The chairperson shall receive \$350 per month.

Authored By:	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1118 Douglas, City of; election of members of governing authority; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1118 provides for the election of the members of the governing authority of the city of Douglas.

Authored By:	Rep. Dominic LaRiccia (169th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1119 Paulding County; State Court; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1119 creates the state court of Paulding County.

Authored By:	Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1132 Cochran, City of; include mayor as a member of the governing authority

Bill Summary: House Bill 1132 adds the mayor as a member of the governing authority of the city of Cochran.

Authored By:	Rep. Danny Mathis (144th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1137 Washington County; State Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee

Bill Summary: House Bill 1137 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Washington County State Court.

Authored By:	Rep. Mack Jackson (128th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1138 Argyle, Town of; elections and procedures; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1138 provides for elections and procedures for the town of Argyle, in addition to powers and duties of the mayor, councilmembers, and other positions in the town.

Authored By:	Rep. John Corbett (174th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1142 Forsyth County; creation or expansion of one or more community improvement districts in any municipality; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1142 authorizes the creation or expansion of one or more community improvement districts in any municipality in Forsyth County.

Authored By:	Rep. Todd Jones (25th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1145 Calhoun, City of; terms and qualifications for the mayor, councilmembers and board of education members; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1145 provides terms of office and qualifications for the mayor, councilmembers, and members of the board of education in the city of Calhoun.

Authored By:	Rep. Matt Barton (5th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1147 Upson County; board of education; modify compensation of members

Bill Summary: House Bill 1147 modifies the compensation of the Upson County Board of Education members. The base compensation of each member shall be \$500 per month, provided that the actual monthly compensation shall be based upon the percentage of meetings such member actually attended each month. Calculation of a member's actual monthly compensation is made by dividing the number of meetings attended by the actual number of meetings scheduled each month, and then multiplying the quotient by \$500.

Authored By:	Rep. Ken Pullin (131st)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1154 Dade County; Probate Court; charge technology fee

Bill Summary: House Bill 1154 authorizes the Dade County Probate Court to charge a technology fee for each fine assessed for a criminal, traffic, or ordinance violation.

Authored By:	Rep. Colton Moore (1st)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1156 Cobb County; tax commissioner's office; change compensation of certain employees

Bill Summary: House Bill 1156 changes the compensation of certain employees of the Cobb County tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall receive a minimum salary as provided by Code Section 48-5-183, in addition to a supplement of \$23,986.68. The tax commissioner is allowed one chief clerk whose salary shall be \$117,502.65. Two positions, an executive secretary and an

administrative specialist, shall receive salaries of \$64,645.56.

Authored By:	Rep. John Carson (46th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1157 Barrow County; State Court; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1157 creates the Barrow County State Court.

Authored By:	Rep. Terry England (116th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1160 Uvalda, City of; provide new charter

Bill Summary: House Bill 1160 provides a new charter for the city of Uvalda.

Authored By:	Rep. Greg Morris (156th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1161 Blue Ridge, City of; staggered terms of mayor and councilmembers; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1161 provides for staggered terms of the mayor and councilmembers of the city of Blue Ridge.

Authored By:	Rep. David Ralston (7th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: Nays:	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Recommit to Committee		

HB 1162 Blue Ridge, City of; levy an excise tax

Bill Summary: House Bill 1162 authorizes the governing authority of the city of Blue Ridge to levy an excise tax.

Authored By:	Rep. David Ralston (7th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	06-15-2020 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Governmental Affairs Committee

SB 316 Military Spouses; licensed in other states to practice certain professions; obtain a license by endorsement to practice in this state; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 316 requires professional licensing boards to issue an expedited license to a military spouse or transitioning service member who holds a current license, in good standing, with another state; examinations to demonstrate required knowledge may be required.

Authored By: Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)
House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 06-16-2020 Do Pass

Health & Human Services Committee

SB 306 "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact"; enter into compact; licensing provisions; revise

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 306 establishes the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. The compact allows Georgia to facilitate interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.

Authored By: Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
House Committee: Health & Human Services

Committee Action: 06-16-2020 Do Pass

SB 372 Public Health; provisions; modernize, clarify, and update; certain councils and committees; eliminate

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 372 modernizes various provisions relating to public health. The bill allows first responders to purchase Naloxone, adds the duty of raising awareness of women's reproductive health issues for the Office of Women's Health, and increases the number of years before the records of a deceased citizen are transferred to state archives to from 100 to 125 years from the time of birth.

Authored By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)
House Committee: Health & Human Services

Committee Action: 06-16-2020 Do Pass

SB 482 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination; state all-payer claims database; establishment of an advisory committee; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 482 establishes the Georgia All-Payer Claims Database (GAPCD). Claims data is the information included in an institutional, professional, or pharmacy claim for a covered individual, including the amount paid to a provider of health care services, plus any amount owed by the covered individual.

Additionally, the bill creates an advisory committee to make recommendations regarding the creation of the framework and implementation plan for the GAPCD to facilitate the reporting of health care data. The committee will make initial recommendations to the director of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination no later than March 1, 2021. The objective of the GAPCD is to facilitate data-driven and evidence-based improvements in access, quality, and cost of health care in order to understand health care expenditure patterns.

The committee will conduct an evaluation of the GAPCD at least every five years to ensure these purposes are met.

The director will seek funding for the creation of the all-payer health claims database and report to the governor and General Assembly on the status of the funding effort and final data elements recommended by the advisory committee no later than March 15, 2021. The GAPCD will be created if sufficient funding is received through gifts, grants, donations, or appropriations on or before January 1, 2022.

Authored By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:

Committee 06-16-2020 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Judiciary Committee

SB 38 Courts; electronic filing requirements of superior and state courts; certain types of filings; exclude

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 38 amends Chapter 8 of Title 26 of the Code, relating to county police, to provide a method for the abolition of a county police department and transfer the law enforcement functions of that department to the sheriff of the county. A county police department may be abolished by a local Act of the General Assembly or by a resolution of the governing authority of the county. Any local Act or resolution must be approved by the electors of the county. If approved, the county police department shall be abolished 180 days following the referendum. At such time all property, equipment, records, documents, funds, and other items in the possession or control of the county police department shall be transferred to the sheriff of the county. This Act is repealed on January 1, 2022.

Authored By: Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee 06-16-2020 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

SB 405 Superior Courts of the Cobb Judicial Circuit; eleventh judge; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 405 allows for juries consisting of less than 12 persons, but not less than six persons, beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. In all civil actions in the state courts where a jury is impaneled, an action may be tried by a jury of fewer than 12 persons but no fewer than six persons at the discretion of the trial judge or by consent of the parties, regardless of either party demanding prior to the commencement of the trial term that the case be tried by a jury of 12 persons.

In all civil actions in the superior courts where a jury is impaneled, the parties may consent to a panel of 12 jurors from which to select a jury. When one or more of the regular panel of jurors is absent or disqualified for any reason, the judge, at the request of counsel for either party, shall cause the panel to be filed by additional jurors to the number of 12 before requiring the parties to strike a jury.

When any person stands indicted for or accused of a felony offense, only with the consent of the parties, the superior court shall impanel sufficient jurors so that no fewer than six jurors are qualified to try the case.

Authored By: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee 06-16-2020 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

SB 442 Property; amendments to property owners' association instruments and covenants that restrict rental of residential lots and plots; prohibit

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 442 provides that an instrument of a property owners' association may not be amended to prohibit or restrict a non-owner occupied lot from continuing to be leased or rented for a initial term of six months or longer pursuant to the preamended instrument. In the event such lot, or any interest in the lot, is transferred for consideration worth \$100 or more, the lot must then conform to the instrument as amended.

Authored By: Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee 06-16-2020 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Retirement Committee

SB 249 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; amount of monthly dues paid; increase; amounts collected from fines; revise

Bill Summary: SB 249 allows jail officers who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to become members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. The monthly member contribution increases from \$20 to \$25 per month. The benefit increases from \$17.50 to \$25.15 for each full year of creditable service on July 1, 2020, and automatically increases to \$30 per month for each year of creditable service on July 1, 2021. SB 249 revises the fee structure for forfeited and collected bonds in any quasi-criminal case from a graduated fine to the greater of \$10 or 10 percent. The bill also revises fees collected before pretrial diversion in any quasi-criminal case from \$5 to \$5 or 5 percent, whichever is greater. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuarial investigation determines the first-year cost is \$13,798,000, with an estimated total cost to the fund of \$27,838,000; however, the new fee structure will generate \$29,772,000 in revenue, and the fund will continue to meet minimum funding standards.

Authored By: Sen. John Albers (56th)
House Retirement
Committee:

Committee 06-16-2020 Do Pass
Action:

SB 294 Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; invest in alternative investments; permit

Bill Summary: SB 294 includes the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia under the definition of an "eligible large retirement system" for the purpose of participating in alternative investments. The Department of Audits and Accounts has certified HB 298 as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

Authored By: Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
House Retirement
Committee:

Committee 06-16-2020 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

8:00 AM	JUDICIARY NON CIVIL	406 CLOB
8:00 AM	INSURANCE	606 CLOB
8:00 AM	AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	403 CAP
12:00 PM	REGULATED INDUSTRIES	403 CAP
12:30 PM	INDUSTRY AND LABOR	506 CLOB
1:00 PM	HIGHER EDUCATION	606 CLOB
1:00 PM	INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	406 CLOB
1:00 PM	GAME, FISH AND PARKS	341 CAP
2:00 PM	SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE	506 CLOB
2:00 PM	STATE PROPERTIES	403 CAP
2:30 PM	EDUCATION	406 CLOB